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Patriotism Discounted in New York School Histories.

Report of G.A.R. Committee Sets Seal of Prominence Given to Southern Soldiers and Southern Deeds as Against Those of the North, in the Late War-Recommendations for Centrol of School Histories by

York Department of the G.A.R. Some time ago a Committee on Examination of School Histories was appointed, consisting of Comrades Henry T. Sauford, Frank Chamberlain, and Emory Hutten. They have just made a report of their work, and the Department Commander in orders just issued congratulates them on the able and intelligent manner in which

they performed this important duty. The committee were instructed to report ason objectionable matter found in school histories in use in New York State, so far as relate to the civil war, and to make recommendations in the premises. There are a large number of histories in use in the schools, and ail, they examined all that are in use to any considerable extent.

The committeemen were accompanied by Mrs. the killed and wounded ... different battles, and the killed and wounded the numbers engaged, and to the inc. that all the histories disagree as to important statisti- abeyance like a dress suit laid away for unto say that, as to the statistical records, the histories are nearly all defective, which deficiency they consider must necessarily exist until

disputed questions. TREASON SHOULD BE MADE ODIOUS.

"We have had in mind," say the committeeshould contain facts, not conclusions; that it should be truthful and impartial and not offensive to the Senator or the peasant, the New Yorker or the South Carolinian; yet we cannot avoid the convictions that treason can and should be made odious, and that loyalty to the flag and honor to the honorable dead should be cherished, next to Godliness, even in school histories. We have also remembered our duty to the vanquished; yet we believe that it is not only a lamentable error, but that the loyal people of the Southern States do not desire that the principles of secession be upheld or taught to their children in the public schools.

"We open this report with two songs copied from the "Academy Song Book," which we find in use in the school system of the City of | mander-in-Chief Geo. H. Innis, of Dahlgren condemn it, and to warrant our recommendation that the book be furled away with the Confederate flag and deposited where moth and rust corrupt." The songs are "Bonnie Blue Flag" and "Maryland, My Maryland." "We do not find in any school history in use

in our State," continues the report, "a fair statement of the cause of the war. This question appears to your committee to be the first

"In the opinion of your committee a history of the war of the rebellion would be diappointingly, inexcusably deficient, which did not clearly, even if briefly, state the alleged and the real causes which led up to the conflict; unmistakably the right and wrong side of it; the principal battles of and the illustrious participants in that was and the second conflict. pants in that war and the grand results growing out of it. Truth, justice, patriotism and the unparalleled cost of life and treasure demand that this lesson should be deeply and lastingly impressed upon the minds and consciences of the American youth. True "history is philosophy teaching by experience and by ex-

Barnes' History is extensively in use in our schools, but your committee is compelled to say that it is very unsatisfactory. Although it was written by a comrade and has been indorsed by comrades high in rank, we cannot approve it. As we read from this history of the battle between the Kearsarge and the Alabama, we are impressed that Capt. Semmes was a god of war, and that Capt. Winslow was an accident; that the event was trivial, for not a generous word is given for Capt. Winslow or his crew. 'Secession'; nor do we find the words 'trai-tor,' 'treason,' 'rebel,' 'patriot,' or 'patriot-ism,' and only once the word 'flag.' The bat-tle between the Monitor and the Merrimac occupies less attention than the elaborate praise

"It is a surprise that a comrade writing this history should refer to the poor money of the North and have no time or space to refer to poor Southern money, when one Northern dollar was worth a carload of Southern money.

UNION LEADERS IGNORED.

of Magruder at Yorktown or Jackson at Manas-

"We do not find in Barnes's History the names of Elisworth (except in a foot note), Wadsworth, Dix, Sedgwick, Franklin, Meade, Hancock, Lyon, Butterfield, Kearney, Fre-mont, Slocum, or Butler. Your committee condemns this history for not mentioning these names, these illustrious stars that will shine forever, without which a history of the war

"It refers to the martyred Lincoln as a man with no schooling, ungainly, unrefined, all of which has no place in school history, and as a fact absolutely false.

"In Anderson's and Thomas's histories we find no objectionable matter, and our criticisms of these books are that they are incomplete. They are written in a business-like way, with no attention to patriotism, and impress the reader with the idea that Nations are made and Governments are formed and maintained by statesmanship and learning, and that valor men get in trouble.

"In Scudder's School History we find the following: 'Mr. Seward, a Senator from New York, and the most conspicuous of Republicans, was willing to give up Congressional prohibition of slavery in the Territories, to enforce the Fugitive Slave Law, and to perpetuate slavery by a constitutional amendment." In answer to this the committee copy a let-

ter from Frederick W. Seward, dated at Montrose-on-the-Hudson, March 25, 1897, and addressed to Mr. Chamberlain. Mr. Seward says: "During a long and active public life my father naturally encountered many misrepresentations of his acts and utterances. But the curious specimen you send me is so absurd as to be ludicrous. Of course, he was not 'willing to give up the Congressional prohibition of slavery in the Territories,' or to 'enforce the Fugitive Slave Law,' or to 'perpetuate slavery by a constitutional amendment.' The record of his whole life flatly contradicts such state-

ments. They read like a travesty-as if the historian should gravely assert that William Penn was a noted prize fighter and Neal Dow an habitual drunkard. I do not know out of what material these wild assertions were made; possibly they were based on some newspaper perversion of Lincoln's suggestions, through him, to the Republican Senators in December, 1860. But even if so, it would take a good deal of twisting to ascribe such meaning to them. They are given in full in the respective biographies of the two men whose names are appended to the Emancipation Proclamation, by which all

slaves in our land were freed." The first war picture in Scudder's History is one of Jeff Davis, the second of Gen. Scott, and the third of Robert E. Lee. "It gives no Close have been appointed a Committee on Crefair statement of the cause of the war," the report says. "It contains no condemnation of the rebellion; no mention of any heroic act of officers or men. It speaks of President Lincoln as an uncouth and nugainly man, a lawyer little known outside of his own State, and refers to the President of the Confederacy as a wealthy slave holder who had for years been in public life. It is difficult to say whether this history justifies secession or not. We regard it as very poorly adapted to the cultivation of a patriotic love of country, and as

BIASED ACCOUNTS OF BATTLES.

were. It claims to give the 'leading facts' viesn history, yet it refers to Abraham in a brief foot-note. It gives State e cause of the war. Its statement rights as t. . I the Bull Run battle is unfair descriptive c ad seeks to immortalize those wise to forget, and insults the flag defenders with the words 'panic, confus-

"This book forgets Lincoln's Gettysburg speech and Gov. Dix's pa not forget to elaborate upon the use of wooden Condemuation on Certain Works-Unfair guns used at Richmond, as the author says, to all of the leading Generals of the Union army are omitted, and important victories and events creditable to the Union side of the wax are missing. Union losses are montioned as defeats, 'sent whirling back,' 'running to. their lives,' etc.; An important work in the interest of patthe Southern army as 'falling back,' 'because ton, held in San Francisco, Department the Southern army as 'falling back,' 'because ton, held in San Francisco, Department the Post. The hall was fitted up the past particular has been accomplished by the New is very little patricular tonger and some of Post, Corps, and Sons of the New is very little patricular tonger and the southern army as 'falling back,' 'running to.

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There is a superior tonger tong is very little patriotism taught in Montgon | work for the year, acknowledged herself under

ery's 'Leading Facts,' so far as it relates to | many obligations to Department Commander the civil war, and its unamerican and unpatri- | T. C. Masteller and staff, and to Past Departotic omissions are numerous. Your committee | ment Commander C. Mason Kinne, and other therefore does not approve it for use in the schools in this State.

"Fisk's School History is more satisfactory to your committee. We do not think that it contains any objectionable statements concerning the civil war, unless it may be said that there are some inaccuracies which we have no means of, correcting. The spirit that pervades Fisk's History is honest, and while it does not offend the vanquished in the war it does not wholly abandon the victors and leave them out of history. We regret, however, that this the address was specially commended: "The history is not more extended, for we believe strength of the Nation lies in a thorough underwhile the committee were not able to examine | that those great events should be fully described, because they are real, and most important steps in the life and growth of the Re- by the individual." public. While Fisk's History comes the near-Kate E. Jones, of Ilion, Past Department President, W.R.C., who rendered valuable service. pelled to report that, in our opinion, the hisdies, through Mrs. Jones, called attentory of the civil war should be rewritten for use in the schools in this State.

"We respectfully suggest that patriotism remain in in cal facts; but the committee deem it sufficient | is not inheritable, nor does it in any way pass from generation to generation, except by an acquisition of a knowledge of facts. Past his- going progress in the establishment of Cititory teaches us that no man can be a man withan official report is adopted finally fixing these out patriotism. It is the first, greatest, and law, the foundation of every human excellence | designated, preaching "Good Citizenship." and of all earthly welfare. A man that has no men, "that a school history must be brief, and patriotism is a human pirate. We would teach every American child patriotic valor that would never turn its back to the flag. We further suggest that the sufficiency and adapt- of calamity and distress, or the struggle for Naability of school history should be under the control of proper State authority.

It is expected that the New York veterans will follow up this work in line with the recommendations of the committee.

BAY STATE CANDIDATE.

Massachusetts Indorses Comrade Innis for Commander-in-Chief,

Massachusetts has presented as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief Past Senior Vice Com-Albany, the Capital of our State; and while the Post, 2, South Boston. At the recent Encampter contained in the songs within our duty; Payson Bradley, the delegates and representaand while the book in other respects is unob- tives of the Department to the National Enjectionable, we consider the songs sufficient to campment at Buffalo were instructed to use all honorable means to secure the election of Comrade Innis.

The following is contained in a circular letter issued by a committee of Dahlgren Post: "For three years our comrade bore the colors of Sleeper's 10th Mass. Light Battery, participating in all of the terrible conflicts from the Wilderness to Appomattox, and for a score of years he has upheld the banner of our Grand that presents itself to a student wishing to ob-tain a correct understanding of that great at our Post meetings, where he is regarded as a at our Post meetings, where he is regarded as a wise counselor, and where he is a recognized leader in debate.

"No man lives who cherishes greater love for his comrades—the soldiers and sailors of the rebellion-than Comrade Innis. He is and has always been essentially a comrade among comrades, whose achievements have been at-tained by the weight of a commanding indi-

"In civil life the triumphs of Comrade Innis have been no less conspicuous than in his military and Grand Army service, and he now



GEORGE H. INNIS.

holds the responsible office of Street Commis sioner in the City of Boston, having been elected thereto for a term of three years by a large majority of the popular vote.'

DOINGS OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

Items of Interest from Various Local G.A.R

At a recent meeting of Lafayette Post, 140, New York City, the pupils of Rhinelander Ingavel and tablet. The gavel was made from a rail supposed to have been split by President Lincoln. A silver plate, suitably inscribed, was imbedded in the handle. Both articles were made by the pupils. Lafayette Post paraded as an escort to Gen.

O. O. Howard, Marshal of the Veteran Division, at the dedication of Gen. Grant's tomb, and patriotism are unnecessary, except, per-haps, temporarily now and then, when states-W. Mesde, the Post was commanded by Senior Vice Commander John C. Long. Special de-tails were furnished as follows: Daniel Butterfield, in charge of escort to President McKinley and all specially-invited guests; Charles F. Homer, Marshal of the Fourth, or Civic, Divis- given at chapel exercises every Sunday afterion; E. L. Zalinski, Marshal of the American Guard, composed of pupils of the public schools;
H. H. Adams, acting as Grand Marshal on Gen.
Howard's staff; J. B. Hyde, Chief of Staff

Twenty-five historical days are observed in the Los Angeles schools, and it is compulsory for teachers and pupils to memorine its first that the los Angeles schools are observed in the Los Angeles schools, and it is under Marshal Charles F. Homer; L. C. Brackett, Aid on Chief Marshal's staff, and about a dozen other members of this Post filled important positions in the line of the parade.

The 30th annual Encampment of the New Jersey Department will convene at Atlantic City June 9. President McKinley, Commander-in-Chief Clarkson, and Gov. Griggs will review the parade. Department Commander Stahl calls the at

tention of New Jersey comrades to "an act to encourage and promote patriotism," and urges the necessity of an active co-operation in its additional from Department relief fund. Cash observance by the members of the Grand Army. Patriotic exercises will be held in every schoolhouse in the State, and he asks that a delegation of comrades attend in uniform, wherever possible, and by their presence teach an object lesson of patriotism to those who are destined

to manage the affairs of this country. Mai. Anderson Post, 109, Plainfield, N. J., has surrendered its charter, and the entire membership has joined Winfield Scott Post, to be transferred, giving the latter Post a member-

ship of nearly 50. Commander O. M. Spellman announces that the 15th annual Encampment of the Arkansas Department will be held at Springdale, June 9. S. K. Robinson, Charles M. Green, and H. F. dentials.

Attention is called to the advertisement of J. Edmund Estes, Fall River, Mass., of the "National Memorial Hymn," prepared especially to be sung during the exercises on Memorial Day and on Memorial Sunday, and by children in | ment President Manda J. Haslet Halsted, and the public schools at the session preceding this day. It is not only wedded to the familiar and over to her successor. immortal tune "America," but also to the "Old Fing," that worn and battle-rent banner indestrongly flavored with unamericanism, so far as With a copy of this hymn in the hands of each pupil, the teacher, with a few appropriate words, illustrated by this "worn and battle-"Montgomery's School History is largely in | rent banner," can teach an impressive lesson use, and we have examined it with consider- I in loyalty and patriotism.

IN THE FAR WEST.

Progress on Many Lines by Pacific Coast W.R.C.

Successful Convention of California and Nevada-Red Cross Work in Greece. Corps Active in Preparation for Memorial Day All Along the Line.

Encouraging progress was made by the Department of California, W.R.C., last year, as set forth by the reports of 13th annual Convencomrades, for counsel and assistance so cheerfully rendered. The hallef Corps Home at purse of money. Evergreen was reported flourishing, the State allowing \$12.50 a month for the support of each inmate, the Relief Corps making up the rest. teaching, following out the plan of the National Committee, through Corps Committees; but more individual effort was urged, not only in connection with schools and orphans' homes, but in the family as well. This sentiment of standing by the people of the foundations on which it was erected, and the duty toward it Department Secretary Lizzie M. Hatch re-

ported the membership as 2,954, a slight gain over last year; number of Corps, 60; cash expenditures for relief, \$3,432,09; relief in supplies, \$1,856,62; soldiers assisted, 294; members of soldiers' families, 1,300; number of members and their dependents, 239; total number of persons assisted, 1,663.

Sarah C. Borland, Chairman of the Committee vie Patriotic Teaching, reported encourzens' Sunday. Through the efforts or fornia Corps, the clergy in 14 cities and towns grandest principle of life, and is, next to divine | held special patriotic services on the day

CRY OF THE GREEK WOMEN. A beautiful evidence that Christian womanhood is the same all the world over, in the face



QUEEN OLGA OF GREECE.

tional independence, is shown in the noble action of the Greek women in the present National crisis. Queen Olga has placed herself at the head, and in Athens, the Capital of Greece, the same scenes are witnessed as were seen in New York and Boston and many other American cities and towns in the dark days of 1861-

The hospital ambulances of the Red Cross are already on the fields of battle, and trained nurses, including a number of English women, are caring for the sick and wounded. Harriet A. Boyd, an American girl, who has been studying Greek in Athens, has volunteered her services to the Ambulauce Corps, and will go at once to the field of battle as a nurse.

Queen Olga is at the head of all the work of the women. She attends the nurses' examinations, and is careful to establish the efficiency of the women volunteers. Every Greek home has become a soldiers' aid society, and even the children are at work sewing bandages or scrap-

The following is the appeal of Queen Olga: "We appeal to the women of America for help. The National Section of Greek Women has a vast program. Besides the help of refugees it has undertaken the organization, through qualified committees, of ambulance hospitals, training of nurses, and the provision of hos-

"It has also undertaken, through other committees, to provide for refugees, to protect the widows and children of those who have fallen in battle, and to help the families of the men of the reserved force who have lately been sent to the frontier. We plead earnestly for your help in this great undertaking. Send what you can to the Union of Greek Women." NEVADA'S PATRIOTIC WORK.

Navada, which is united with California in Grand Army and Relief Corps into a Depart-ment, leads in the work of patriotic teaching, systematically applied through the efforts of O. B. Mitchel Corps, of Reno, represented by Mrs. Marshall. They first introduced the flag salute into the schools of Reno by the direction of the Board of Trustees, and then went before New York City, the pupils of Rhinelander In-dustrial School presented the comrades with a into the schools, together with the institution of patriotic exercises the last half of each school day prior to Washington's Birthday and Memorial Day. The teachers pledged them-selves to discard all books in the school course which might be found to savor of disloyalty.

Mitchell Corps seems entitled to the place of banner Corps, not only in the Department, but in the Order; in addition to the work named having presented a flag to the High School, one to the University, and one to the Cadets; also,

one to each schoolroom in Reno. Nine schools in Los Angeles give the flag salute, and at the Whittier Reform School it is noen, with National songs by a chorus of 150 voices. Twenty-five historical days are obize "Red, White and Blue" and "America." Chairman Borland commended the study of "Our Country" to all the Corps; also, the formation of Bands of Mercy in the schools. as recommended by National Convention.

rightfully maintaining that cruelty is contrary to good citizenship. California Corps are working nobly for their Evergreen Home, and Treasurer Mary C. Secord, of the Home Association, reported that of the total receipts of \$3,430,74, one-fourth was contributed by the Corps locally, and \$80 from the State, membership fees, and donations

made up the balance. Total expenditures, \$2,675.65. The Department of California and Nevada find their work on behalf of the Home greatly embarrassed by the action of National Convention ordering that all contributions for any object shall pass through the hands of Corps Treasurers to the Department Treasurers. On account of this, Corps making contributions to the Relief Corps Home are put to the extra | National Corresponding Secretary, trouble and expense of forwarding to the Department Treasurer, instead of sending sums

direct. Convention, therefore, passed a resolution, to be brought before National Convention, petitioning such legislation as will permit of their to make a monthly report to the Department

Treasurer of funds received. DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN. Seventeen Corps were instituted last year in Michigan, under the administration of Departapplication for two charters have been turned

After a lingering illness Past Department President Ann M. Barney, of Michigan, has passed to her reward, and the chain of Past Presidents is broken, to the sorrow of her associates and of all who knew her and appreciated her noble and unselfish work.

Fourteenth National Convention, Department of Michigan, adopted a resolution indors-

Past Department President Louise Barnum Robbins, of Michigang who is also Corresponding Secretary of the National Council of Women, has been chosen to serve the National Council as delegate to the meeting of the International Council of Women to be held the coming Summer in London. She is a woman of charming address, fine presence, high scholarship, and elequent Opeech, and will honor the women of her country on the British plat-

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA. An elegant framed crayon portrait of Gen. Kirkpatrick has been placed in the Grand Army Hall at Huron, the gift of comrades of Veterans. All these Orders are active in patri-

otic work. Corps 8, Canton, surprised their Post and marched them prisoners to a first-class banquet. To cap the climax they gave them a nice little A monument at Aberdeen is the goal of Corps

10, towards which they are bending all their energies. This Corps has set a noble example Much has been done in the way of patriotic by turning \$25 over to the Post to pay the dues of comrades whom the hard times has stranded. A rousing woman's Campfire was held by Phil Kearny Corps, Yankton. It is astonishing what vim and patriotism women will bring to bear upon an occasion of this kind, and how the people will turn out to extend encouragement.-Helen A. Hobbs, Correspondent.

> NUMEROUS EVENTS IN NEBRASKA. Department Correspondent Mary R. Morgan writes that Nebraska Corps are making special preparations for the observance of Memorial Day, giving special attention to the introduction of patriotic features by bringing the children forward in the exercises and parades. At been turned over by the Post to Corps 87, a confidence greatly appreciated and which promises to lead to beautiful results in honor-

Roberts Corps, 72, Talmage, have 24 children drilled in the flag salute, which they give very pretti, at entertainments, accompanied by music and recitations, Numerous Campfires are reported in celebra-

tion of National birthdays and anniversaries. Perryville Corps, Litchfield, is among those reporting an active Winter. Russell Post and Corps, Fairbury, had a patriotic celebration in honor of their seventh anniversary, at which time their new hall was

Past Department Chaplain Julia D. Howe, the honored Army Nurse, is still an active worker in the Corps at York. At a recent meeting the Relief Committee reported having made 117 visits to the sick and needy. Andersonville socials, benefit of the improve-

ment fund, are reported from Edgar and other places. The more widely extended the knowledge of this great work undertaken by the W.R.C. becomes the more it grows in popular

Farragut Corps, 10, Lincoln, reports active work for relief, with numerous entertainments and devices for raising funds.

McPherson Corps; Fremont, has set an example worth following, having given a reception to 100 loyal women, in order to more thoroughly acquaint the public with the work of the W.R.C., local, State, and National, which was done through a short program sandwiched in between reception and refreshments. DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA.

ment President Maria E. Leeds, now drawing to a close, finds much to encourage and commend. An active campaign to increase the membership and strengthen the Corps in lines of relief and patriotic teaching has been conducted, and if the aggregate results are not greater it must all be laid to the stringency of

All kinds of entertainments for the benefit of relief are growing more frequent, and substantial aid was given many veterans and their families the past Winter. A thorough inspection brought encouraging reports. Campfires burn brightly and rations are liberal wherever the G.A.R. and W.R.C. gather in West Virginia. More flags than ever before wave over the schoolhouses and have found their way inside the schoolrooms. To bring this about the 12 faithful Corps of the Department, numbering many noble women, have done their full share. The correspondents of West Virginia who have special mention for their reports are Sarah Blundon, Corps 6, Charleston; Etta Hoffman, Corps 7, Huntington; Maggie Willamson, Corps 9, Belleville, and Fannie Cecil Mat-

lie, Corps 11, Parkersburg. Ladies' Aid Society.

By request, the State of Utah has been added to the Division of Washington, and will be under the jurisdiction of the Division President, Miss Alma Stranger, Tacoma, Wash. The Divisions of Michigan and Wisconsin, being in arrears for one year, have surrendered their charters, and the societies are remanded to a provincial condition. Course approved by

National Council. Sarah E. Lyons and Mary Stodick will represent the L.A.S., to confer with like com-mittees from patriotic organizations, to determine the advisability of erecting a monument dedicated to the Loyal Women of the War. The report of the National Secretary for the quarter ending Dec. 31, just completed, shows:

Number Divisions in good standing last report, 15; Societies in Divisions, 178; Pro-vincial Societies, 10; Societies dropped, 3; New Societies, 8; membership, Sept. 30, 1896, 4,383; membership, Dec. 31, 1896, 4,835.

Illinois Daughters Convention. The third annual Convention of Illinois Department, Daughters of Veterans, was held May 4 at Custer Post Hall, Chicago. The afternoon session and the early part of evening session were spent in transacting business, and at 9 o'clock the doors were opened to members of G.A.R., S. of V., W.R.C., and other friends, to witness the public installation of the following: Pres., Clara Schmaltz; S. V. P., Lena Wilson; J. V. P., Belle Wray; Chap., Clara Webster; Treas., Mary McDiven; Ins., Alice L. Ingram; Inner Guard, Addie Ketchum; Guard, Fannie Randall; Instituting and Installing Officer. Florence M. Boura; State Council, Charlotte Wray, Gretchen Schilling and Bertha M. Arden; Musician, May Flood; Delegates, Lena Smith and Mabel Sinclair.

Daughters of Veterans Contest Social. with Miss Mattie Burlingame and Miss Abby Foote, leaders. The ladies under Miss Burlingame held the first social, rendering a farce "No Cure, No Pay," by seven daughters. Later the ladies under Miss Foote rendered a program consisting of Mother Goose, Reception and Drill, by 17 children, and literary and musical features. The judges awarded the prize to Miss Foote's side, their entertainment having cleared \$9 thore than the other.

Ladies of the G.A.R. EDITOR NATIONAL PRIBUNE: Fair Oaks Circle, 1, Albany, Ore., Ladies of the G.A.R., have a membership of 28 sisters and 52 comrades, and is increasing, A great deal of interest is being manifested. As we go to the silent city of the dead on

Decoration morn, let us not forget their brave deeds, and let us, with partiotic hearts, decorate the little mounds, and remember the time when first the roll was called.—MARTHA RISLEY,

Coming Reunions. Announcements of Reunions have been

made as follows: Northwestern Nebraska Soldiers and Sailors' Reunion Association, at Messenger's Grove. forwarding money to the Home Treasurer, she Dawes County, July 10 to 14. Commander-in-Chief Clarkson and the Department Commander will attend. S. C. Ferguson, Adjutant, Hay Springs, Neb. 13th Ill., at Dixon, Ill., May 25. Oscar A.

Webb, Secretary, Dixon. 11th Pa. Cav., at Johnson, Pa., June 3, during Department Encampment. D. S. Orcutt. Secretary, St. Charles Hotel, Pittsburg. 37th Ohio at 98 North Paint street, Chillicothe, June 16. John S. Kountz, Toledo, O.

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> ADDITIONAL RE-MUSTER AND DIFFERENCE OF PAY under Act of February 24, 1897, for officers of the volunteer army in the late war.

AN OFFER.

Past Department President Elia P. Daniels, in a general resume of Relief Corps work under the second administration of Department President Elia P. Daniels, Our "SOLDIERS' MANUAL," a 40-page book, treats of Pensions, and practically all other matters of interest to survivors of the wars of the United States and their heirs. The latest edition of this book (and the 1897 supplement as soon as issued) will be sent FREE to all who send us the names and addresses of two or more persons who haver never received pension, though probably entitled, or whose claims have been rejected, or are not proceeding satisfactorily, or who have been dropped or reduced, or are not receiving or have not received all the pension to which they are probably entitled. Respectfully and fraternally,

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Some good plan of insurance in connection with the Sons of Veterans has long agitated the minds of officers and members who are working for the upbuilding of the Order. It at Headquis the belief of many that such legislation his Camp. would add greatly to the interest in the Society, that large numbers of new members Emma A. Chester Tent, 6, Cleveland, O., at would apply for admission, and that those now the first of the year divided its membership in the Order would be more likely to retain their membership. It has been proposed that a death benefit be added, combining patriotism with good business policy.

> vision, and National meetings, and has attracted the attention of brethren who are looking for some cheap, reliable insurance which, in case of death, will give to their families a few hundred dollars without incurring too great expense. At the Omaha Encampment of the Nebraska Division such a plan was adopted as, it is claimed, will give all that can be asked in the

way of insurance, and at a very moderate cost.

Already the Division has gained 150 members.

much of which is believed to be directly due

The matter has been considered in Camp, Di

to the insurance legislation. Brother Frank J. Coates, Assistant Chaplain, who has charge of the work, writes: "Seven years ago the membership of the Nebraska Division exceeded 2,000. For seven years we have lost about two hundred per year -some years more, some less, until we now have but a little over one-fourth the number in good standing that we had the year I commanded the Division; this, too, in the face of the fact that we have had honest and capable

men at the head of our affairs. "There never was an effect without a cause. nor a cause without effect. My idea has been that we were not offering the young men of the country anything but patrictism, and we cannot claim a monopoly on that. The great majority of the sons of soldiers are patriotic before they join the Order, and will continue to be patriotic, if they never join the Sons of Vet-"After fully discussing the matter at the

Omaha Eucampment we decided to adopt the insurance feature, and it has worked well. Acpording to advices received from Division Headquarters, it has been the means of directly and indirectly adding 150 to our membership. "The faithful and intelligent work of Col. Davis has also contributed to this end, but we have had faithful and intelligent Commanders heretofore whose work availed naught.

good standing to contribute 50 cents.

course to a certain extent voluntary. If a of opening and conducting a Camp. brother does not choose to join this number contributing, he need not do so. It does not strong in determination and enthusiasm, with affect his standing in the Order in the least if every prospect of a bright future. It is offhe does not, but in the event of his death no call would be issued. "A strict account is kept with every member,

and his standing can at any time be determined at Headquarters, or by the duplicate kept in ship ran over 2,000, and yet I see my Adjutant's

report shows but three deaths. "This will be the means of drawing to us all favorably of life insurance, and also prevent suspensions, as a brother raying into this fund year after year will say to himself, 'I have now an interest at stake and must not quit, thus losing what I have paid.'

"It has been suggested that a call be issued in the start, and the money kept on hand to this is a better plan, and would recommend it to "Another thing I would advise all brothers to do, is to subscribe to a good paper like THE it, read it, and then hand it to a friend."

NEW WISCONSIN CAMP.

Enthusiastic Brethren Drive 40 Miles to the

Muster. Capt. J. W. T. Ames, Tom Porter Camp, 2, New Richmond, Wis., writes: "This Camp, while small in numbers, is brimful of enthusiasm. Our most recent exploit was the muster of a new Camp at Diamond Bluff, April 17. Early morning found the writer, with a squad, consisting of Second Lieut. Odell, Q.-M. Serg't Dawley, Chaplain Lambdin, Corp'l Densmore, and Councilman Beeman, traveling in a commodious rig, with uniforms, guns, and Camp equipage. Private Lambdin joinedus at River

nation. "We were given a hearty welcome and royally entertained. Some 24 members of the G.A.R, Posts of Trimbelle and Ellsworth were present,

Falls, where a new team took us to our desti-

"The plan adopted is as follows: On the and aided materially. Seventeen recruits predeath of a member the Assistant Chaplain sented themselves for muster, and the visiting sends out a notice requesting every member in | team worked the three degrees in an impresood standing to contribute 50 cents.

"The sum thus realized is turned over to the Election and installation of officers followed, family of the deceased. Contributions are of after which the visitors illustrated the manner

cered as follows: Capt., D. C. Judd; First Lieut., C. A. Baker; Second Lieut., C.W. Hope; Chap., Frank Hope; First Serg't, E. L. Moore; Q.-M. S., E. W. Weld.

"The work of muster, installation, etc., was not finished until 1:30 a. m., after which the "This plan furnishes us with insurance at a visitors were served with supper. At 2:45 a. very low cost, for during the year I was in com-mand of the Nebraska Division the member- homeward. Stopping at River Falls just long enough to change teams, we drove straight through, 40 miles, reaching home after an absence of 26 hours, tired, dusty, sleepy, and sore, the eligible Sons who are interested in or think | but just as enthusiastic as ever and ready for another muster."

DIVISION SNAP SHOTS.

Division Commander of Nebraska W. H. Davis announces the muster of new Camps at Hebron, Fairmont and Lebanon, with pay the first death loss. I am of the opinion that | charter members. The gain in the Division during the last quarter was 150. Commander. other Divisions that try the insurance feature. Davis has offered two prizes to encourage recruiting. To the Camp showing the largest gain in membership during the year he will NATIONAL TRIBUNE; subscribe for it, pay for present a silk flag. The brother securing the most recruits will be given a sword and belt. Camp 28, Lexington, Neb., has organized a band, which action has been approved by the

Division Commander. A. C. Stow, Past Captain of Gen. E. Mix Camp, 7, and member of the Michigan Division Council, Fennville, writes: "The Sons of Veteraus in this State are booming. Since Feb. 1 seven new Camps have been started, with 240 charter members. Allegan County during April organized two Camps, with 50 members, which gives this County five Campe.

with a membership of over 150. Denison Camp, 106, Center Point, Iowa, will present the name of Mark A. Newland at the Marshalltown Encampment for Division Commander. Capt. Newland is the son of an officer of the 23d Ohio. He is a graduate of the Medical Department of the Iowa State University. Since the organization of the Camp he has held almost every office in the gift of his brethren, and at the last election was unanimously choses Captain.